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**REMARKS**

Upon entry of the instant Amendment, Claims 1-12 are pending. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended to more particularly point out Applicant's invention.

Claims 1, 5, and 9 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0002642 ("Jorasch"). In order for there to be anticipation, each and every element of the claimed invention must be present in a single prior reference. Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed invention is not taught, suggested, or implied by Jorasch.

As described in the Specification, embodiments of the present invention relate to a system and method whereby a TAPI service provider may request configuration information from hardware such as a PBX. In certain embodiments, configuration information received from the hardware is stored in a list and compared to the existing configuration list. Two new lists are then generated: an added list and a deleted list. All devices in the deleted list are deleted from the internal database and deleted messages are sent to the TAPI service provider. All new devices are temporarily added to the internal database and addition messages are sent to the TAPI service provider. The new device configuration list is then saved, and the added devices are marked as permanent.

Thus, claim 1 recites

a TAPI service provider storing configuration information in a first configuration table object;

a TAPI service provider requesting update static configuration information from a telephony device;

a TAPI service provider receiving said update static configuration information; and

a TAPI service provider storing said static update configuration information for system use as a second configuration table object;

and claim 5 recites

means associated with a TAPI service provider for storing configuration

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information in a first configuration table object;

means associated with a TAPI service provider for requesting update static configuration information from a telephony device;

means associated with a TAPI service provider for receiving said update static configuration information; and

means associated with a TAPI service provider for storing said static update configuration information for system use as a second configuration table object;

Claim 9 similarly recites a "TAPI service provider."

In contrast, Jorasch appears to simply provide an *application* that allows a telephone client to communicate status updates to another client. Jorasch does not appear to relate to the *TAPI service provider* itself. Put another way, embodiments of the present invention relate to the TAPI service provider 106 (FIG. 1) not to the application 102. Advantageously, embodiments of the present invention provide information (e.g., PBX link information) to the TAPI service provider; Jorasch provides, e.g., busy status merely to another telephone. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims.

Claims 2-4, 6-8, and 10-12 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Jorasch. As discussed above, Jorasch does not teach, suggest, or imply the invention of the base claims. Consequently, Applicant respectfully submits that Jorasch likewise does not teach, suggest, or imply the invention of the dependent claims. As such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of the claims.

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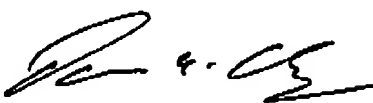
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For all of the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully requested,

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